

**In the specification:** Please amend paragraphs [0014], [0020], [0033], and [0035] of the specification as follows.

[0014] Still further provided is a composition comprising an abrasive having a surface on which at least one stabilizer and at least one catalyst are bonded, wherein the abrasive is a member selected from the group consisting of alumina, titania, zirconia, germania, silica, ceria and mixtures thereof, the at least one stabilizer comprises at least one element member selected from the group consisting of B, W and Al, and the at least one catalyst comprises at least one element member selected from the group consisting of Cu, Fe, Mn, Ti, W and V, provided that the at least one stabilizer and the at least one catalyst are not simultaneously W.

[0020] Still further provided is a method for polishing a surface of a substrate, said method comprising applying the composition of the invention to the surface of the substrate to polish the surface of the substrate, wherein the substrate comprises at least one element member selected from the group consisting of W, Ti, Cu, Ta, Si, Ga, As, C and N, more preferably a member selected from the group consisting of W, Ti, TiN, Ta, TaN, Cu and SiO<sub>2</sub>.

[0033] Compositions of the invention further comprise at least one stabilizer. As used herein, the term "stabilizer" means an agent effective to help maintain the abrasive as a sol in an aqueous medium. Suitable stabilizers are compounds which include ~~metals and borderline metals, such as, e.g.,~~ non-metallic boron, aluminum and titanium, with boron being most preferred.

[0035] In particularly preferred embodiments, the inventive composition comprises a ~~bimetallic~~ surface-modified colloidal abrasive containing ~~as the two metals~~ on the surface of the abrasive: a stabilizer comprising boron and a catalyst comprising iron; a stabilizer comprising boron and a catalyst comprising copper; or a catalyst comprising iron and a stabilizer comprising tungsten. (It should be apparent from the foregoing that the terms "metal" and "bimetallic" as used herein in the context of surface modification are intended to encompass ~~borderline metals, such as non-metallic~~ boron, as well as more prototypical metals.) Other combinations of metals are also possible, as are combinations of metals and non-metals (e.g., the non-metals/organics and inorganic-organic combinations taught by copending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/315,398, filed Dec. 9, 2002.) Phosphorus is a particularly preferred non-metal suitable for use in mixed metal/non-metal surface-modified abrasives of the invention.